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OBSTETRICAL DIET LISTS.

DEAR EDITOR: In your next month's JOURNAL, would you kindly give a two weeks' suitable diet, starting with liquid and ending with full diet, for an obstetrical patient or, in other words, will you give a menu for each day?

E. L. B.

[Replies from obstetrical nurses received before February 12 will be embodied in an article on the subject in the March JOURNAL.—ED.]

NEW USE FOR A PAP SPOON.

DEAR EDITOR: One of the best suggestions offered me by the superintendent of nurses when I was leaving the hospital to commence private nursing was that I should subscribe to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. I want to tell you how much it has meant to me during the year, it has come to help me with several of my cases. My first was an obstetrical case, and a nice concise list of articles needed at such a time was a great help to me. Another edition brought an article, "How to Care for a Fractured Femur in a Private House." This was what I was doing at that time.

I would like it if more nurses would give their experiences in private nursing. It is interesting to read of some of them in the JOURNAL.

I find a baby's pap spoon a useful article in my bag; it makes a nice steady spoon for hypodermics, as the handle is inverted.

Wishing the readers of the JOURNAL a successful New Year, and the JOURNAL the same,

LOUISE HISBIT HAZLEHURST, R.N.

OPERATIONS ON MALE PATIENTS.

DEAR EDITOR: What is the custom of nurses doing hospital work during operations on male patients where, of necessity, the genital organs are exposed, especially those nurses assisting surgeons? Will the nurses of Ohio especially answer, also lady superintendents of our main hospitals?

I know what attitude to take, myself, but I have been told that my stand is radical and that it is customary for nurses in Cleveland and Columbus to assist and, in fact, to wait upon male patients regardless of exposure. While I do not credit this statement, I should like to be able to produce the protest of a number of nurses who, I am sure, feel as I do.

What number of hours do the nurses of the middle states consider right to ask for themselves when doing private duty?

M. M.

A REPLY FROM OHIO.

DEAR EDITOR: In answer to the question asked in regard to nurses being present at operations upon male patients, I wish to say that in one of our operating rooms all "screen" cases are regarded as such, and the nurse does not go behind the screen at all during the operation. In another operating room the nurses are present at every operation, the scrubbing up of the patient, however, is done in the anæsthetic room without the presence of the nurse. When the bandages are put on a "screen" case after the operation, the nurse usually either leaves the room or the patient, on the table, is wheeled out of the room, and the bandage applied in the adjoining room.